

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

None of the claims are amended herein.

Claims 1-19 are rejected.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-19 are currently pending in this application.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER NOLTING (U.S. PATENT 6,351,453) IN VIEW OF BALSAMO ET AL (U.S. PATENT APPLICATION 2002/0099806)

Claim 1 specifically recites, amongst other novel features, "**generating a list of the exclusive phone calls from the identified phone numbers after eliminating the duplicate entries**". (Emphasis added). Somewhat similar features are recited in claims 10, 11 and 19. Nolting and Balsamo, either singularly or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest these features.

The Office Action concedes that Nolting fails to teach generating a list of the exclusive phone calls from the identified phone numbers after eliminating the duplicate entries. See, for example, item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that Balsamo fails to cure the deficiencies found in Nolting.

Instead, Balsamo merely discloses how duplicate record elimination and record ordering that are performed at an ordering node 344 saves processing at the equipment wherein the order enhancer node 344 takes incoming NARS, and orders and eliminate duplicate records. See, for example, page 9, paragraphs [0093]-[0094]. Balsamo then merely discloses a generalized method of operating on input data and generating output. See, for example, page 9, paragraph [0104].

However, it is respectfully submitted that Balsamo fails to disclose, teach or suggest the specifics of "**generating a list of the exclusive phone calls from the identified phone numbers after eliminating the duplicate entries**", as specifically recited by Applicant in, for example, claim 1. Instead, Balsamo merely emphasizes duplicate record elimination and record ordering, while the feature of a generating a list of the exclusive phone calls from the identified phone numbers after eliminating the duplicate entries is silent in Balsamo. Further understanding and appreciation for Applicant's claimed invention as recited in claim 1 would be found in, for

example, FIG. 3, and page 16, paragraph [0035] of the specification of the present application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

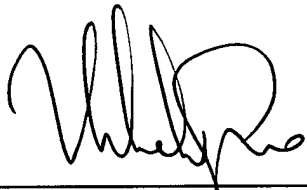
Although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding differences in claims 2-5, 9-15 and 18 over Nolting.

III. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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